

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 29

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 69

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 29—Relative to military base closures.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 29, Baca. Military base closures.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to adopt specified guidelines and policies with respect to Base Realignment and Closure legislation.

WHEREAS, On Monday, May 19, 1997, the United States Department of Defense issued its Quadrennial Defense Review; and

WHEREAS, The Quadrennial Defense Review calls for Congress to approve two more rounds of Base Realignment and Closures (BRACs), including a round in 1999 and a round in 2001; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest number of military bases of any state and is therefore a potential target for more military base closures; and

WHEREAS, California already has experienced its fair share of military base closures; and

WHEREAS, In previous rounds of military base closures, California suffered the closure or realignment of 29 bases; and

WHEREAS, There are 36 remaining facilities in our state; and

WHEREAS, Military base closures and realignments in California have resulted in the loss of half a million direct and indirect jobs in our state; and

WHEREAS, Many other states have already begun intensive campaigns to save military bases; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to adopt a number of guidelines and policies in crafting any additional BRAC legislation:

(1) An effort should be made to minimize closures in states such as California which have already borne their fair share of cuts.

(2) If additional closures take place, it is essential that:

(A) Sufficient funds are held in escrow to assure adequate cleanup of military bases, including funds for state oversight.

(B) Property transfer procedures that allow for the quick conversion and reuse of facilities are adopted.

(C) Efficient procedures are adopted to expedite conversion of military base housing.

(D) Consistent policies relating to the ability of Local Reuse Authorities to retain credits for air emissions are adopted.

(E) Policies are adopted that allow for the rapid upgrading of military base infrastructure, including utilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

